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In re application of:

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BACILLUS ANTHRACIS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a two-month extension of time, from July 9, 2002 to September 9, 2002 accompanies this amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

~~The present application claims benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional~~

Patent Application 60/754,947, filed January 4, 2001, which is incorporated by reference.--

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